Wanted Woman Found at Arby's, Children Turned Over to Grandma

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A woman wanted on a court warrant was taken into custody in Wheelersburg after deputies located her at Arby's and discovered several children were with her.

Just before 7 p.m., Scioto County Sheriff's deputies stopped a vehicle at the restaurant after learning a wanted person with a caution that she could be armed and dangerous might be inside.

When deputies made contact with the woman, they requested an ambulance to respond to the scene.

Multiple children were also present during the stop.

Rather than leaving the children at the scene, deputies contacted a grandmother, who arrived and took custody of them.

🚑 Hospital Stop Before Jail

According to the report, a deputy followed the ambulance transporting the woman to Southern Ohio Medical Center.

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After she was medically cleared, she was released back into law enforcement custody.

Deputies then transported her to the Scioto County Jail, where she was booked shortly after midnight on a charge of contempt of court.

⚖️ What Is Contempt of Court?

Contempt of court charges often stem from someone failing to comply with a court order.

That can include:

- Missing court appearances
- Failing to follow conditions imposed by a judge
- Ignoring court directives
- Violating requirements connected to an ongoing case

Depending on the circumstances, courts can issue warrants that remain active until the person is located and brought before a judge.

👀 Deputies Often Have to Think About More Than the Arrest

When arrests involve children, officers frequently have to make immediate arrangements to ensure the children are safe before taking an adult into custody.

That can involve:

- Contacting relatives
- Working with Children's Services
- Arranging emergency placements
- Or finding another responsible adult to care for the children

In this case, deputies were able to reach a family member who stepped in to take care of the children while the arrest was completed.

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A tip received by Portsmouth police helped bring a missing juvenile case to a quick resolution Tuesday afternoon.

Around 2 p.m., officers followed up on information that a missing juvenile from the Chillicothe area might be staying at a home on Auburn Avenue.

According to the report, authorities also had information that a woman associated with the residence had an active warrant out of Ross County.

🚨 OFFICERS FIND THE CHILD

When officers arrived at the residence, they spoke with people inside the home.

Police say the occupants cooperated and turned the juvenile over to authorities without incident.

The child was safely taken into custody.

🚓 HANDOFF IN PIKETON

Rather than transporting the juvenile all the way back to Ross County, authorities arranged a meeting point in Piketon.

A deputy transported the child to the location, where a Chillicothe police officer met them and assumed custody.

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The juvenile was then returned to authorities from the area where the child had originally been reported missing.

👀 WHY TIPS MATTER IN MISSING CHILD CASES

Law enforcement officials say many missing juvenile cases are solved because someone recognizes a person, vehicle, or location and contacts police.

Even when a child is found safe, officers still work to determine:

- Why the juvenile left
- Whether the child was endangered
- Who may have been helping conceal the juvenile's location
- Whether any criminal offenses occurred

In this case, the tip appears to have helped authorities quickly locate the missing child and reunite them with the agency handling the case.

Fortunately, the situation ended with the juvenile being found safe.

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